

**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-7,9-11,13 and 14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, and 13-15, are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:  
  
The prior art, 'DHTML Buzzword Bingo: A cross-Browser DHTML GAME' to Bostock, teaches the development of an internet game implemented using Cascading Style Sheets and JavaScript. More specifically, the reference provides a user with the tools to develop an interface for such a game utilizing buttons, menus, a title, and other interface elements. The reference provides ID and NAME attributes within DHTML documents so that you can refer to it through CSS, and the NAME attribute is so that you can refer to it through JavaScript. The methods used within Buzzword Bingo provide div tags and title tags which are both HTML and DOM elements. Both could be accessed through JavaScript. CSS and JavaScript provide access to and have the ability to modify tags. These tags apply style to any element. However, the reference fails to explicitly state the page title and the use of the section name in the page title to invoke a routine that uses a style sheet to then show the section in a manner determined by the style sheet on the web page. Pages can be added to a web site and automatically shown in a desired manner on the page based upon the names of the sections of the web site. This is done without requiring hard coding of the section name into each individual web page or the creation of special server side functions to show the section name. The independent claim includes the claimed features of *'the title of the web page includes the name of the section to which the page belongs and that this title is used to call the style sheet that, in turn, is used to alter the style attributes of the web page to show that section name of the Web site in a manner specified by the style sheet'*. The claimed feature helps automate the procedures for showing the section name of the Web site in a

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consistent manner from page to page, even as pages are added to the Web site. Finally, the claimed features are not shown in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the prior art of record to come up with applicant's claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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